

## Myanmar delegation visits Pacific to explore ways to enhance health and education in their country



His Excellency Dr. Myint Htwe, Hist Excellency Mr. Win Maw Tun, and the Honorable Mr. Aung Kyaw Zan, speak with SIS student Jace Sapenter-Nath '20 during their visit.

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Eight representatives of Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) visited University of the Pacific's San Francisco and Stockton campuses Monday and Tuesday of last week as part of an effort to explore ways to improve health and education in this Southeast Asian country and the possibilities for further collaboration.

In San Francisco, they toured the campus and met with representatives of Pacific, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the California-Asia Business Council, as well as Pacific staff and faculty. On the Stockton Campus, they toured the campus and the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and heard from Dean Phillip Oppenheimer and several pharmacy faculty and students about Pacific's programs and the teaching and research going on at Pacific. They also participated in a noon forum with Pacific students, administrators and local elected officials, where they discussed in Q&A format the status of health care and higher education in Myanmar in historical perspective and goals for the future.

The visit was arranged by former regent Tony Chan and his wife, Regent Virginia Chan, and initiated by the Los Angeles-based Network of Myanmar American Association. The delegation included Myint Htwe, the Myanmar union minister for health and sport, and Assistant Secretary Kyaw Khaing; the Honorable Aung Kyaw Zan, consul general of the Myanmar Consulate in Los Angeles; H.E. Win May Tun, deputy minister of education; and representatives of the Network of Myanmar American Association.